(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS: (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) As per the provisions under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, all units, whether domestic or export oriented, are required to comply with the pollution control standards.

Changes in the Guidelines of National Calamity Fund

1560. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring certain changes in the guidelines of National Calamity Fund; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

UNESCO's views about formal Education

1561. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the UNESCO's recent shift in focus to the exclusive promotion of formal education and technical skills;

(b) if so, the details of the UNESCO's views about the formal education and technical skills; and

(c) the reaction of Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) As per the approved Medium Term Strategy (1996—2001) of UNESCO, the first thrust of UNESCO's Medium Term Strategy will focus on fostering basic education for all. It will concentrate on expanding access to basic education, giving priority to those whose needs are patently greater, to reaching the unreached and providing learning that goes beyond traditional frontiers. In addition, the elimination of illiteracy among both youth and adults also be an important objective. It will also aim to improve the quality, relevance and usefulness of the education provided.

The second thrust will be to renovate education system involving inter-alia, better linkage between general and vocational education, strengthening science and technology streams, worldwide collaboration among specialists, fostering partnerships between education sector and industry, agriculture, labour and private sector.

(c) The Government is committed to providing priority to Education for All which includes a two pronged strategy of universalising adult literacy and universalisation of elementary education. In addition, other areas in eduation by secondary, higher, vocational and technical education also form part of the composite framework of Government's schemes.

Cooperative Societies in Punjab

1562. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cooperative societies functioning in Punjab;

(b) the types of assistance provided through these cooperative societies by Government; and

(c) the items, alongwith their quantities, distributed district-wise in Punjab during the last three years by such societies?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) There are 15803 Cooperative societies functioning in the State of Punjab.

(b) Sugar and Kerosine oil at subsidised rates under the Public Distribution System through the Primary Cooperative Agriculture Service Societies is being provided by the State Government of Punjab.

(c) The Cooperative Societies distribute Fertilizer, Seeds, pesticides/Insecticides, Sugar Kerosine Oil, and other items of consumption. District-wise details of quantity of major items distributed in Punjab during the last three years by such societies is given in the Statement.

Statement

District-wise Detail of Fertilizer supplied by Cooperative Societies.

(Quantity in Tonnes)

Sr. No.	District	31.3.94	31.3.95	31.3.96
1.	Amritsar	43140	44132	44764
2.	Bathinda	45295	46724	49003
3.	Faridkot	80425	90524	26369
4.	Fatehgarh Sahib	36444	56422	53422
5.	Ferozepur	68115	84232	90756
6.	Gurdaspur	19120	36070	18261
7.	Hoshiarpur	12286	13789	23510
8.	Jullandhar	62817	63218	46610
9.	Kapurthala	25349	26301	25199
10.	Ludhiana	86807	109838	108789
11.	Mansa	24158	26350	47965
12.	Muktsar	-	-	30600
13.	Moga	-	-	42780
14.	Nawanshahr	-	-	26731
15.	Patiala	51230	52740	46735
16.	Ropar	23009	21692	42865
17.	Sangrur	110507	140320	174743
	Total	688702	82352	899102

District wise details of seeds supplied by Cooperative Societies

(Quantity in Tonnes)

Sr. No.	Name of District	31.3.94	31.3.95	31.3.96
1.	Amritsar	12	-	-
2.	Bathinda	31	3	29
3.	Ludhiana	-	12	60
4.	Muktsar	-	-	90
5.	Hoshiarpur	-	-	52
6.	Nawanshahr	-	-	21
7.	Mansa	-	3	-
	Total	43	18	252

District wise details of Sugar supplied by Cooperative Societies

(Quantity in Tonnes)

Sr. No.	Name of District	31.3.94	31.3.95	31.3.96
1.	Amritsar	1277	822	831
2.	Bathinda	1494	1971	661
3.	Faridkot	1163	2316	228
4.	F.G. Sahib	2123	2346	2354
5.	Ferozepur	1061	1131	1432
6.	Gurdaspur	1163	2779	1897
7.	Hoshiarpur	2742	2487	2691
8.	Jullandhar	2588	2630	1517
9.	Kapurthala	652	670	152
10.	Ludhiana	3672	3682	3846
11.	Mansa	561	511	571
12.	Patiala	1235	1827	2837
13.	Ropar	98	548	417
14.	Sangrur	2503	2520	2402
15.	Muktsar	-	-	760
16.	Moga	-	-	543
17.	Nawanshahr	-	-	1429
	Total	22332	26240	24568

District wise detail of Pesticides supplied by Cooperative Socieites

(Value in Thousands of Rs.)

Sr. No.	Name of District	31.3.94	31.3.95	31.3.96
1.	Amritsar	235	302	240
2.	Bathinda	145	681	121
3.	Faridkot	-	-	935
4.	F.G. Sahib	-	-	-
5.	Ferozepur	4490	5460	7422
6.	Gurdaspur	113	190	210
7.	Hoshiarpur	-	159	-
8.	Jullandhar	3134	3158	2585
9.	Kapurthala	-	4540	460
10.	Ludhiana	4063	5897	12507
11.	Mansa	25004	35080	9694
12.	Patiala	12350	13190	15240
13.	Ropar	-	-	-
14.	Sangrur	4109	5705	5040
15.	Muktsar	-	-	1370
16.	Moga	-	-	480
17.	Nawanshahr	-	-	631
	Total	54343	74362	50935

Districtwise detail of Kerosene Oil supplied by Cooperative Socs.

(Quantity in Thousands Litres)

Sr. No.	Name of District	31.3.94	31.3.95	31.3.96
1.	Amritsar	24	17	-
2.	Bathinda	62	483	2070
3.	Faridkot	1763	2119	889
4.	F.G. Sahib	187	188	168
5.	Ferozcpur	388	835	775
6.	Gurdaspur	-	458	418
7.	Hoshiarpur	-	3435	3264
8.	Jullandhar	1527	3392	1689
9.	Kapurthala	384	667	223
10.	Ludhiana	1702	5053	5040
11.	Mansa	246	271	394
12.	Patiala	207	985	1282
13.	Ropar	-	91	810
14.	Sangrur	344	1094	471
15.	Muktsar	-	-	364
16.	Moga	-	-	1490
17.	Nawanshahr	-	-	18
	Total	6834	19088	18965

Introduction of Double Decker Trains in Mumbai

1563. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of commuters travelling by local trains in Mumbai and whether the present fleet of trains is adequate to cater to the requirement;

(b) whether a proposal to introduce two double decker style local trains is under consideration of Government to ease pressure on local trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the status as on date;

(d) whether it is a fact that local railway auhorities have indicated low height of road bridges as main obstacles in implementing the said proposal; and

(e) by when these local trains would start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Approximate number of suburban commuters in Mumbai area was 1813 millions during 1995-96.

The present services are by and large adequate. However, there is overcrowding during peak hours.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

नदियों और तालाबों में प्रदूषण का फैलना

1564. श्री राघवजी: क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के अधिकांश कस्बों और शहरों में सीवर लाइन तथा गंदे नालों का पानी उपचार किया बिना निकटवर्ती नदियों और तालाबों में पहुंचता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उससे पेय-जल संदूषित होता है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने जल को इस प्रकार संदूषित होने से रोकने हेतु कोई योजना बनायी है; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन जय नारायण प्रसाद निषाद): (क) से (ग) जी, हां। केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड द्वारा कराए गए प्रदूषण सर्वेक्षणों के आधार पर प्रमुख अंतर-राज्य नदियों के प्रदूषित क्षेत्रों क अभिनिर्धारण कर लिया गया है। इन नदी क्षेत्रों के प्रदूष निवारण कार्य गंगा कार्य योजना चरण-I, गंगा कार्य योज चरण-II तथा राष्ट्रीय नदी संरक्षण योजना नामक तं स्कीमों के अन्तर्गत शुरू किया गया है। गंगा कार्य योज चरण-I पूरी तरह केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित स्कीम है। गं कार्य योजना चरण-2 और राष्ट्रीय नदी संरक्षण योजना मे केन्द्र सरकार एवं संबंधित राज्य सरकारों के बीच लागत में 50 प्रतिशत आधार पर बंन लगाया जाएगा। राज्यों, नदियों शहरों का स्कीमवार तथा अनुमोदित लागत के बारे में ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है।